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Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Poultry

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Introduction and Subsidiary Locator

The *Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Poultry* section covers carcasses of migratory and non-migratory game birds; cooked, smoked or cured, and fresh (chilled or frozen) meat and meat products of domestic poultry and fowl; perishable poultry pate; and bouillon cubes and dry soup mixes containing pieces of poultry and fowl.

When a VS permit does **not** authorize entry, use the following table, **Table 3-11-1**, which directs you to the final regulatory action to take.


TABLE 3-11-1 Where to Find the Final Regulatory Action to Take when VS Permit Does Not Authorize Entry

If the importation is:	And the meat or meat products are:	Then:
Carcass of a wild, free-flying game bird that has been hunted (usually shot, netted, or trapped)		GO to Table 3-11-2
Meat or meat products of domestic poultry and fowl including pen-raised birds of any kind (i.e., quail, pheasant, grouse, pigeon, or dove)	Bouillon cubes	GO to Table 3-11-8
	Cooked, shelf stable (hermetically sealed can) ¹	RELEASE
	Rendered poultry fat (schmaltz)	
	Cooked	GO to Table 3-11-4
	Perishable pâté	GO to Table 3-11-7
	Pieces and chunks in dry soup mixes	GO to Table 3-11-9
	Smoked or cured	GO to Table 3-11-10
	Fresh (chilled or frozen)	GO to Table 3-11-12

1 Determine shelf stability in cargo just as you would in baggage. See [Table 2-3-3 on page 2-3-8](#).


Carcasses of Game Birds

TABLE 3-11-2 Carcasses of Game Birds

If the country of origin is known to be:	And the importation has:	Then:
Free from END	Not transited a country known to be affected with END	RELEASE
	Transited a country known to be affected with END	GO to Table 3-11-3
Affected with END		


Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country of Origin Known to Be Infected with END or Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

TABLE 3-11-3 Determine Action to Take on Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country of Origin Known to Be Affected with END or Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

If the bird:	And the importation is:	Then:
Has been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have been removed		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RELEASE 2. ADVISE Customs that the importation may need to be cleared by U.S. Department of Interior
Has not been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have not been removed	Consigned to an approved establishment for processing as a trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ AUTHORIZE shipment by the importer under seal with VS 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete form) ◆ If from Mexico, AUTHORIZE movement by the importer ◆ RECORD the importer's driver's license number and vehicle number on VS 16-78
	Not consigned to an approved establishment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options to include allowing the importer to eviscerate the bird under PPQ supervision (see Table 2-2-11)

Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl

TABLE 3-11-4 Determine Status of Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl

If the country of origin is known to be:	And the importation is:	Then:
Free from END		RELEASE
Affected with END	A commercial importation	GO to Table 3-11-5
	In passenger baggage	GO to Table 3-11-6

Commercial Importations of Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country of Origin Known to Be Affected with END

Determine if the importation is accompanied by government of origin certification stating that the product was thoroughly cooked.

TABLE 3-11-5 Determine Action to Take on Commercial Importations of Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country of Origin Known to Be Affected with END

If the importation is:	Then:
Accompanied by the required certification	1. RELEASE 2. ADVISE Customs that the importation must go to FSIS for inspection to verify the thoroughness of cooking
Not accompanied by the required certification	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl in Passenger Baggage from a Country of Origin Known to Be Affected with END



Inspect the poultry products to determine if they are thoroughly cooked. Thoroughly cooked means being heated so that the meat's flesh and juices have lost all red or pink color.

TABLE 3-11-6 Determine Action to Take on Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl in Passenger Baggage from a Country of Origin Known to Be Affected with END

If the meat or meat products:	Then:
Have been dressed and cooked, losing all red or pink color	RELEASE
Are still red or pink indicating they were not thoroughly cooked	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Perishable Poultry Pâté


TABLE 3-11-7 Determine Action to Take on Perishable Poultry Pâté

If the pâté:	And the pork product is:	And the country of origin is known to be:	Then:
Contains pork or pork products including lard	Solely lard (rendered fat)	Free from END	RELEASE
		Affected with END	GO to Table 3-11-9
	Any pork product other than lard (includes unrendered fat)	Free from ASF, CSF, END, FMD, and SVD	RELEASE
		Affected with ASF, CSF, END, FMD, or SVD	GO to Table 3-11-9
Does not appear to contain pork or pork products		Free from END	RELEASE
		Affected with END	GO to Table 3-11-9

Meat Extract and Bouillon Cubes of Poultry Origin, and Dehydrated (Dry) Soup Mixes Containing Pieces of Poultry Meat

Bouillon Cubes and Meat Extract of Poultry Origin

TABLE 3-11-8 Action to Take on Meat Extract and Bouillon Cubes of Poultry Origin

If the country of origin is known to be:	And the importation is:	Then:
Free from END		RELEASE
Affected with END	Accompanied by a meat inspection certificate stating that the meat product has been concentrated by boiling or heated to a temperature of 100° C (212° F)	RELEASE
	Lacking the certificate or certification described above	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD GIVE the importer the option of obtaining the appropriate certification If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, PROVIDE with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Dehydrated (Dry) Soup Mixes Containing Pieces of Poultry Meat

Determine if the importation is accompanied by government of origin certification stating that the product was heated to a minimum internal temperature of 161°F (72°C).



Important

Certification validated by a government veterinarian in the country of origin is acceptable. If you are **not** satisfied with the accompanying documentation, contact PPQ, VRS.

TABLE 3-11-9 Dehydrated (Dry) Soup Mixes Containing Pieces and Chunks of Poultry Meat

If the country of origin is known to be:	If the importation is:	Then:
Free from END	→	RELEASE
Affected with END	Accompanied by a meat inspection certificate declaring that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All meat is free of bones ◆ Meat product has been cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 72° C (161° F) 	
	Lacking the certification described above	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. GIVE the importer the option of obtaining the appropriate certification 3. If the importer is unable to obtain the appropriate certification, PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl

TABLE 3-11-10 Determine Status of Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry or Fowl

If the country of origin is known to be:	Then:
Free from END	RELEASE
Affected with END	CONTINUE onto next page

Determine if the importation is accompanied by government of origin certification stating that the smoked or cured poultry products have been subjected to a minimum temperature range of 160° F to 163° F (70° C to 73° C) for **not** less than 6 hours.

TABLE 3-11-11 Determine Action to Take on Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl Based on Certification Status

If the importation is:	Then:
Accompanied by the required certificate	RELEASE
Not accompanied by the required certificate	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl

TABLE 3-11-12 Determine Action to Take on Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl

If the importation is:	Then:
Free from END	GO to Table 3-11-14
Affected with END	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

TABLE 3-11-13 Determine Whether to Admit Fresh Poultry from Mexico

If the poultry was:	And the importation is:	Then:
Processed in an APHIS approved processing plant (see “Annex to Certificate for Poultry Products Processed in Mexico” on page G-1-22)	Accompanied by a meat inspection certificate issued by an authorized official of the Mexican Government that includes the required Annex (see page G-1-22)	RELEASE
	Lacks the certificate or the Annex	1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)
Not processed in an approved plant	—————→	

List of Approved Mexican Poultry Processing Plants

Plant Number	Name/Address
TIF Establishment 241	Productura de bocados camicos S.A. De C.V. Monterrey

FIGURE 3-11-1 List of Approved Mexican Poultry Processing Plants

Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country Known to Be Free from END


Determine if there is adequate proof of origin present.

EXAMPLE

The importation accompanied by an official meat inspection certificate or the packaging labels show the country of origin would constitute adequate proof of origin.

Continue on to **Table 3-11-14**.

TABLE 3-11-14 Determine Action to Take on Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Domestic Poultry and Fowl from a Country Known to Be Free from END

If there is:	And the importation:	Then:
Adequate proof of origin	Did not transit a country known to be affected with END	RELEASE
	Transited a country known to be affected with END	GO to Table 3-11-15
No adequate proof of origin		1. REFUSE ENTRY 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11)

Fresh Meat of Poultry from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from END Which Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

Review the accompanying documents to verify that the importation met transiting requirements which are summarized below:

- ◆ Meat was sealed in the country of origin by an official of that country with serially-numbered seals
- ◆ Serial numbers of the seals are recorded on the accompanying documentation
- ◆ Seals are intact, and there is no evidence indicating that the seals were tampered with
- ◆ Meat matches what is described on the accompanying documentation

TABLE 3-11-15 Determine Status of Fresh Meat of Poultry from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from END Which Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

If the transiting requirements are:	Then:
Met	RELEASE
Not met	1. DO NOT RELEASE THE HOLD 2. CONTACT PPQ-VRS-AQI or PPQ-VRS-HQ personnel for further action (see Appendix H)

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